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Summary of Conclusions for  
Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: March 2, 1995

LOCATION: White House Situation Room

TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting on  
Bosnia and Croatia (S)

## PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:  
Samuel R. Berger

USUN:  
David Scheffer  
James O'Brien

OVP:  
Leon Fuerth  
Rick Saunders

CIA:  
Douglas MacEachin  
Ray Converse

State:  
Strobe Talbott  
Peter Tarnoff  
Richard Holbrooke

JCS:  
LTG Wesley Clark  
COL. Walter Buchanan

DOD:  
John Deutch  
Walter Slocombe

NSC:  
Alexander Vershbow  
BG Donald L. Kerrick

OMB:  
Gordon Adams  
Keith Beckell

Summary of Conclusions

1. Deputies met to discuss the strategy for Ambassador Holbrooke to pursue in a final push with President Tudjman aimed at reversing his decision to terminate the UNPROFOR mandate in Croatia on March 31. They agreed that retention of interpositional forces along the confrontation line is vital to prevent renewed fighting between the Croatian and Krajina Serb forces. The price for retention of the interpositional force for Tudjman may be agreeing to demand for forces along Croatia's border with Bosnia, but it is not clear we can support a border force and American participation would be very difficult. If Tudjman is willing to agree to the interpositional force,

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Deputies agreed that Ambassador Holbrooke should only offer to discuss a possible border force with Allies. Deputies asked State to prepare a paper for Principals' consideration on Friday, March 3, illustrating the approach Ambassador Holbrooke will use in his meeting with President Tudjman next week. (Action: State) (S)

2. Deputies discussed the issue of Step Two prepositioning of NATO communications assets to support a NATO-led operation to withdraw UNPROFOR from Bosnia and/or Croatia. They agreed that the issue should be presented to the Principals Friday for decision. They requested that the decision paper be modified to reflect the Deputies' discussion. (Action: NSC) (S)

3. Deputies agreed to meet in informal session Saturday, March 4, to discuss the NSC-staff paper "Former Yugoslavia Policy Review." (S)

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